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and entitled FLEXIBLE  
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND  
METHOD FOR TRANSPORT OF OPTICAL  
LINE DATA TO A WIDE/METRO AREA LINK

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THE UNDERSIGNED, LYNN S. CASSAN, Registration No. 32,378, of the firm of CASSAN MACLEAN, having been duly appointed attorney and/or agent in respect of the above referenced United States patent application by a Power of Attorney executed on December 12 and 13, 2000, hereby appoints the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s): DAVID SOLTZ (Registration No. 34,731) of CIENA Corporation and MICHAEL CAMMARATA (Registration No. 39,491) of the firm of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch and Birch, Phone: 703-205-8000 - Facsimile: 703-205-8050, as her associate attorneys with full power to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the Letters Patent, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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